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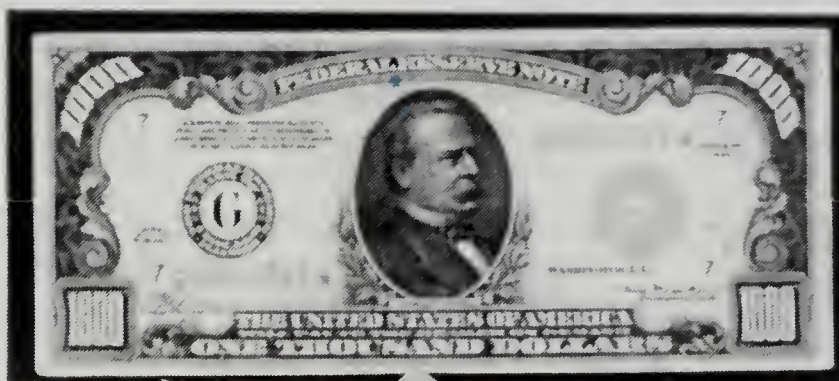
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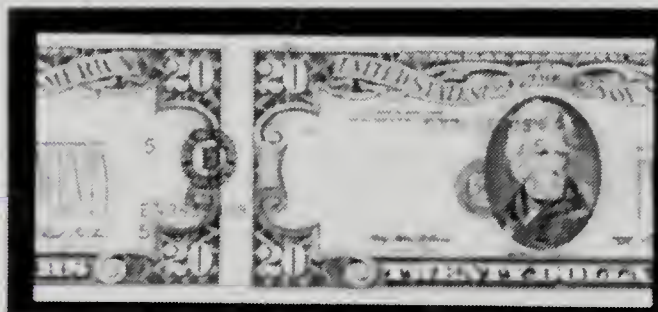
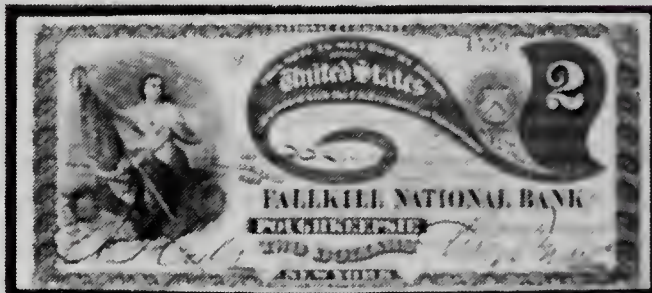
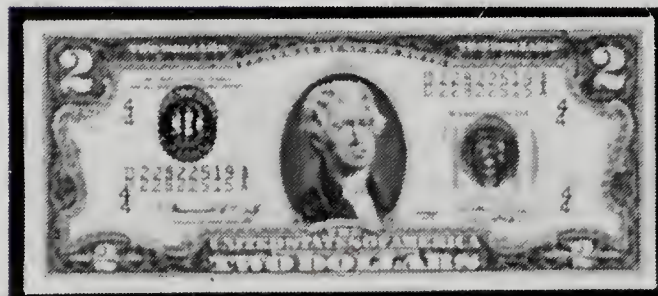
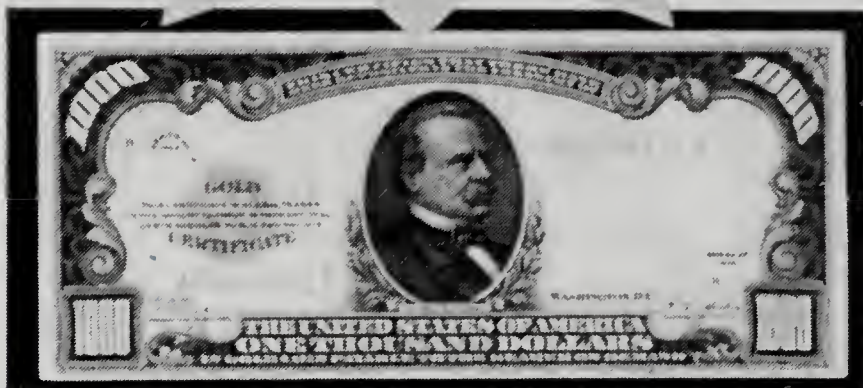


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	Dues collected	66.00
	Interest	.24
Apr-June.	Rag Picker	800.05
	Brandimore-Editor April-June	100.00
	2500 free advertising slips	77.54
	20 Postage stamps	9.20
	State of Michigan	20.00
09-19-13	Balance Team One CU	9933.1570

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**Reinstated Member:** None This quarter.

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This is the lowest number of New Members since I began editing the Rag Picker 23 years ago. Ask a friend, ask a club member, help us grow!

**Editor’s Notes:** I am looking forward to the Michigan State Show. It will be at Macomb College again over thanksgiving week-end. I’m advised that the electrical difficulties necessitating stepping styles in the aisles have been corrected. This is a big venue with lots of room for growth. There will be lots of exhibits as there is plenty of room. If you haven’t exhibited before, give it a try. Contact Frank Passic for information. You must be a Michigan State member to exhibit. This year the special category is National Bank Notes. Email Joe Leblanc for membership information at [jhl@michsoft.com](mailto:jhl@michsoft.com)

Elsewhere be sure to read President Dr. Karl Mark Pall’ farewell column. He is also auctioning off his Michigan Obsoletes at the Heritage Long Beach show. Unfortunately you’ll be reading this after the auction. That auction catalog would be a nice keepsake with Karl’s notes in it.

**OUR COVER:** This month’s cover features a Canadian \$20 bill, 1991 issue. The back illustration is of the Common Loon, one of my favorite birds. Native to Canada and the northern U.S., I have had frequent exposure to it in the Sylvania Wilderness area in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Its strange and haunting call intrigues us at our cabin in Montmorency County. Watching its take off in a mad dash is a real experience. This note is a replacement variety, as signified by the letter X in the serial number prefix. Enter Common Loon on Google and see an amazing array of Loon photos .

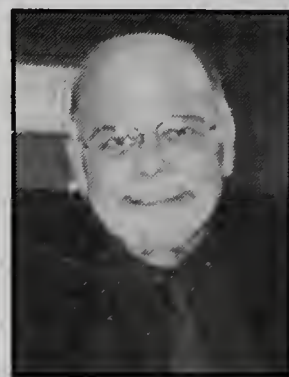
**CLUB NEWS:** The Currency Club of Chester County continues put out a newsletter. Filled with interesting trivia and currency facts, this club is a leader in currency clubs. Join them if you live anywhere near. Joyce Aspen, the editor added this interesting set of statistics in a recent newsletter: A billion seconds ago it was 1959. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive. A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age. A billion years ago no one walked on the earth on 2 feet. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours & 20 minutes, or more at the rate of our government spending. She then listed 46 taxes that didn't exist 100 years ago, including six taxes on telephones alone. This is an informative newsletter.

**SPECIAL APPEAL:** As you can see the magazine is getting pretty skinny. How about sending me an article on your passion. I'll be happy to edit it if you feel that is necessary. There have been some interesting articles the last few issues. Help the club and share your knowledge. My email is in the front of the magazine along with my address.

FOR THE RAG PICKER...SEPTEMBER, 2013

### **MY WELL SPENT TIME**

By Karl Mark Pall



### **THE PMCM PRESIDENTS**

The Paper Money Collectors of Michigan goes back over fifty years in time and has had great Numismatic Presidents starting with James J Curto. Over the years, PMCM has contributed to educating vast numbers of members and others about collecting paper money. I have enjoyed serving as your president and regret having to resign because of ongoing health issues.

### **MY TIME**

It seems like yesterday when Wally Lee asked me to consider being his successor. I am glad, I accepted. During my tenure, I had the support of fellow officers and encouragement from all members throughout our nation. The PMCM members have made us an outstanding educational enclave with the Rag Picker providing news and views. The information we have shared has provided rich rewards for all of us.



## **TEACHING**

As President I've had the opportunity of traveling throughout Michigan teaching about our states obsolete notes and bankers highlighted by a ten hour educational class for the Michigan State Numismatic Society. My travels to clubs, coin shows, colleges, libraries, and to historical associations provided a state wide forum for the advancement of our hobby. I am proud to say I can relish every moment.

## **MICHIGAN OBSOLETES**

My years of collecting Michigan obsoletes also is approaching an end. I have consigned "The Karl Mark Pall Collection" to Heritage's Long Beach Auction, September 25, 26, 27 and 30. The Heritage cataloger is well known in numismatic currency. I wish to thank Wendell Wolka, dealer, collector and ANA Governor for his work on presenting the collection for viewing.

## **THE COLLECTION**

The collection contains the largest amount of Bowen, Haxby and Lee published plate notes. It is the most Michigan notes to be auctioned at one time. Over nine hundred bills and sheets have been cataloged. As a "Rag Picker" many notes like children have been given a home. Rare, unique and complete bank printings will be featured including the only known five dollar note from the Bank of Lake St Clair. It is now time to move on.

## **THE PMCM FUTURE**

Our organization has seen many years go by with support and contributions from dedicated persons. PMCM's future will be ongoing with a new president and supporting officers. My role now is to be an active member. I shall watch PMCM going forward.

Thank You for the honor...best...Karl

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Membership in CCCC is \$10 per year which covers the cost of the newsletter of 10 pages that comes out every month. Dr. Nelson Page Aspen, 420 Owen Road, West Chester, PA 19380-4321. PMCM 1228. . CCCC meets each month at 7:00 PM, N.E. corner of Gay & Adams Streets, Borough Hall, West Chester, PA

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Wanted: Maryland Nationals. Also 69 serial; numbered notes. Any combination of 6 and 9 serial numbers. Willis E. Karner Jr. 481 Dominique Ct. Sykesville MO. 21784. PMCM 1452

Trade: My duplicate circulated \$1 stars for yours that I need for a year, series and block set. Email me at kmk050652@verizon.net or write for free list. Ken Kooistra, 250 Laureen Rd., Schwensville, PA 19473. PMCM #3658.

Looking to complete a set of all 258 possible serial number combinations of 0's to 2's in 8 serial number notes. Any denomination, type. Need: 0220002, 20020000, 20200002, 2022000, 22000002, 22200002. rob5203@mac.com Robert W. McGowan, 909 E. court St., Janesville, WI 53545. PMCM# 3439.

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## COLLECTING 1935 SERIES \$1 SILVER CERTIFICATE STARS.

By Bill Brandimore

There are 20 different star notes in the 1935 Silver Certificate series. Some are extremely elusive, some are just hard to find and a number are fairly common. What makes the series a real challenge is the presence of two tough Mule notes; a change in the bottom margin during the 1935D issue and the addition of "In God We Trust" on the later 1935G notes.

The first notes of the 1935 series carried micro size (1/2 mm) Face and Back plate numbers. When the 1935A series was introduced it featured Macro size (1mm) Face and Back plates numbers. The two groups of notes were in production at the same time for a brief period and Back plates became mixed together, creating Mule marriages for both groups. Face plates all reflect the proper size for plate numbers, but some micro back plates were used in the production of 1935A notes and some Macro plates were used in the printing of 1935 series notes. Both are scarce, but the 1935 Mule star has only been reported to PMG and PCGS for a total of 7 notes, a 65, a 64 ppq and a 64. The rest are all circulated examples. This is a possible cherry pickers dream note, as you have to look carefully. Regular issue 1935 Mules are scarce and worth watching for. The Mule star, however, is the King of this series.

In addition to Mule Star notes for 1935 and 35A, the regular star issues are infrequently seen. The serial number blocks for 1935 only include \*...A notes. Star numbering was continuous for these notes and didn't start over with a new series. Both 1935 and 1935A notes were signed by Julian & Morganthau. The reason for the series numbering change was the reduction of the plate number size. For the 1935A series \*...A and \*...B blocks were printed. A change of signers signaled an end to the 1935A series and the 1935B series, signed by Julian and Vinson, was issued with only \*....B serial numbers. The 1935C series continued with \*....B numbers and was signed by Julian and Snyder. Clark and Snyder signed the 1935D notes, but they came in wide and narrow varieties due to a reduction in the space between the margin and the bottom letters on the back side of the note. The first group of these notes with the traditional margin size came in \*.....B wide and \*.....C wide, with the \*....C being very scarce. The new narrow designs included \*.....B, \*....C and the \*....D issue. The \*....D note is a bit of a condition rarity. It is very hard to find in Gem condition. It was also the first note to be printed in sheets of 18 compared to the early plates of 12 notes each. 1935E notes were signed by Priest and Humphrey and came in \*....D,



\*....E and \*.....F. This issue is one of the more notes of the 1935 series issues and is considerably less expensive than its predecessors. 1935F notes were signed by Priest and Anderson. They came in \*...F and \*....G. They also are among the more common of 1935 Star notes.

The 1935G Silver Certificates came in only one serial number block, \*....G, but they also come with and without the Motto “In God WE Trust”, with the latter note being considerably scarcer than the no motto variety. They were signed by Smith and Dillon. The 1935H group were also printed with \*...H, but signed by Granahan, and Dillon. The last group of notes, G and H series were in production at the same time as the new 1957 Silver Certificates were introduced. The 1957 notes were printed on 32 note plates and printed on a new press that used a dry method of printing. Previous Silver Certificates were printed wet and the change helped increase efficiency.

This series is interesting and can be collected with just a type representative of each issue. This would leave the 1935\* and the 1935G Motto variety as the keys in completing such a type set. Of course, you can also collect the regular issue notes and get really carried away trying to put together block sets of each series. The 1935A series is particularly rich in block varieties.

I enjoyed looking through stacks of \$1 Silver Certificates at shows hoping to find Mules and scarce Star varieties. I was successful in finding a number of Mule 1935 and 1935A examples. For great information on this series, consult Standard Guide to US Small size Notes by Schwartz and Lindquist. This book offers lots of information on how many notes were printed and what various blocks are known. Looking through notes in this way was a lot like looking through rolls of coins like I did when I was a young collector in the 1950's and fun is what it is all about.

**Ed. Note:** I have been contacted by a number of folks wondering why we keep the list separated by districts when it is now common practice to send notes to any district needing them, not just to the district they were printed for. If you would like to be listed as a note trader, write me with your address and interests...\$1, \$2, \$5, etc and the Districts you are collecting. For the curlist have kept the names of people I knew to be active. If you want off this list, email me or drop me a line. My Email address is: [billbrandimore@charter.net](mailto:billbrandimore@charter.net)

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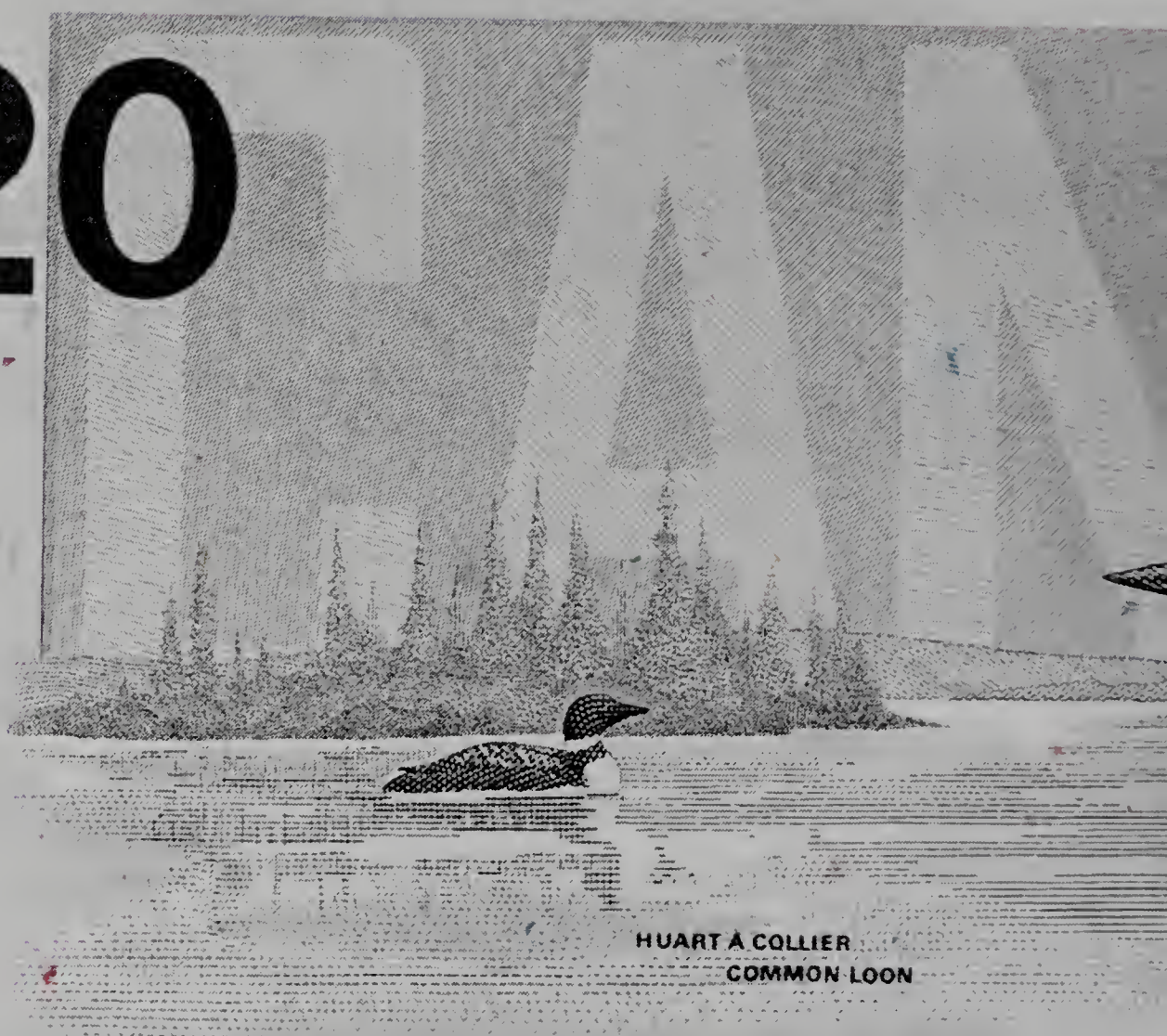
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